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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to issue our annual publication, Dropout Rates in Massachusetts Public Schools: 1997-98. This report provides information on students who dropped out of Massachusetts public schools during the 1997-98 reporting year. I hope that this information will contribute to ongoing local and state efforts to strengthen dropout prevention programs.

The completion of high school is a crucial basis for a productive life of citizenship and work. The high school dropout rate, therefore, is an important indicator of school performance.

Summary of Key Findings

- **Annual Dropout Rate** The 1997-98 annual dropout rate was 3.4 percent, a rate unchanged from the previous year. A total of 8,582 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve dropped out of Massachusetts public schools in the 1997-98 school year and did not return to school by October 1, 1998.
- **Rate Over Time** The annual statewide dropout rate has declined from 3.7 percent in 1994 to 3.6 percent in 1995 to 3.4 percent in 1996, 1997, and 1998.
- **Distribution of Rates for Individual Schools** The annual dropout rate varied widely among individual schools, ranging from zero percent to 42 percent. Over half of the schools (55 percent) had a dropout rate of 2.5 percent or less. Approximately five percent of the schools had a rate higher than 10 percent.
- **Grade** Students in grade eleven dropped out at a higher rate, 4.2 percent, than did students in other grades. The 1997-98 dropout rate was 3.6 percent for tenth-graders, 3.3 percent for twelfth graders and 2.7 percent for ninth graders. These differences according to grade level are consistent with data from previous years.
- **Gender** The 1997-98 dropout rate was 3.9 percent for males and 2.9 percent for females. Males have dropped out at a higher rate than females for the past several years.
- **Race/Ethnicity** Dropout rates varied widely by race/ethnicity. Hispanic students had the highest annual dropout rate at 8.2 percent. The dropout rate was 6.1 percent for African-American students

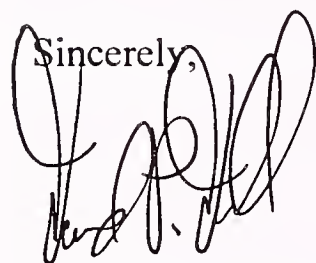
and 5.3 percent for Native American students. Asian students had a rate of 3.5 percent and white students had the lowest dropout rate, 2.6 percent.

- **Vocational-Technical Schools** The annual dropout rate for students enrolled in vocational-technical schools was 2.9 percent, somewhat lower than the statewide rate. The rate for city/town vocational-technical schools was 5.1 percent, and the rate for regional, independent and county vocational-technical schools was 2.5 percent.

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Thank you for your interest in this report.

Sincerely,


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Introduction

The following report provides information on students who dropped out of Massachusetts public schools during the 1997-98 reporting year (July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998). Dropouts are defined as students in grades nine through twelve who leave school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school. The Massachusetts Department of Education reports a dropout measure that was developed by the U.S. Department of Education. According to this measure, students who drop out during a particular reporting year, but return to school by October 1 of the following year, are referred to in this report as *returned dropouts*, and are not counted as dropouts. The dropout rate is the number of students who drop out over a one-year period, from July 1 to June 30, minus the number of returned dropouts, divided by the October 1 enrollment. This measure will eventually be adopted by all states, allowing for comparisons between states and with the national average.

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The dropout rate is the number of students who drop out over a one-year period, from July 1 to June 30, minus the number of returned dropouts, divided by the October 1 enrollment.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the Massachusetts Department of Education has reported dropout data using this measure. Prior to 1993, the Department reported a dropout rate that counted all students who dropped out of school regardless of whether they returned to school. This rate, called the *unadjusted dropout rate*, is not included in the textual analysis section of this report. Therefore, data in this section of the report are not comparable to data for years prior to 1993. Data comparable with earlier years are available from the Department. The unadjusted rate for 1998 is included in the list of annual dropouts for schools and districts at the end of this report.

Analysis of Dropout Rates

During the 1997-98 reporting year, a total of 8,582 ninth- through twelfth-graders dropped out of Massachusetts public schools and did not return to school by October 1, 1998. These students represented 3.4 percent of the 252,633 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the state's public schools on October 1, 1997.

In addition to the 8,582 dropouts, another 1,611 students dropped out of school during the 1997-98 reporting year and were not in school at the end of the year but returned to school by October 1, 1998. These students, referred to in this report as *returned dropouts*, represented 15.8 percent of the total number of students who dropped out during the 1997-98 school year. The Department does not collect data on students who drop out of school in a reported year, but return before the end of the same school year. The 1997-98 annual dropout rate of 3.4 percent was unchanged from the previous year, and remains as the lowest rate in the five years this measure has been used.

Based on the annual dropout rate for each grade level, it is projected that 13 percent of the students who entered ninth grade in the 1997-98 reporting year will have dropped out by the end of their senior year in 2001. This statistic, known as the *projected four-year dropout rate*, is an estimation of the cumulative effect of four years of students dropping out of school

Table 1. Dropout Rates: 1997-98

	Enrollment	Number of Dropouts	Annual Rate	Projected Four-year Rate*	Returns as % of Dropouts**
Total, Grade 9-12	252,633	8,582	3.4%	--	15.8%
Grade					
Grade 9	72,257	1,928	2.7%	13%	15.9%
Grade 10	65,798	2,351	3.6%	--	16.0%
Grade 11	60,117	2,507	4.2%	--	15.0%
Grade 12	54,461	1,796	3.3%	--	16.5%
Gender					
Male	128,174	4,983	3.9%	15%	15.6%
Female	124,459	3,620	2.9%	11%	15.6%
Race/Ethnic Group					
African-American	21,216	1,289	6.1%	22%	11.0%
Asian	10,602	374	3.5%	13%	20.4%
Hispanic	21,951	1,808	8.2%	29%	15.2%
Native American	564	30	5.3%	21%	6.3%
White	198,300	5,102	2.6%	10%	16.5%
Vocational-Technical Schools***	31,967	943	2.9%	12%	12.8%
City/Town	5,591	283	5.1%	19%	10.4%
Regional/County/Independent	26,376	660	2.5%	10%	13.7%

* Percentage of ninth graders (Class of 2001) projected to drop out over a four-year period

** Percentage of 1997-98 dropouts who returned to school by Oct. 1, 1998

*** Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools

for the Class of 2001. The projected four-year dropout rate of 13 percent for the class of 2001 also was the same as the class of 2000's rate. The projected four-year rate for the class of 1998 was 14 percent. When comparing dropouts to graduates for the class of 1998 over those four years, the actual dropout rate is estimated to be 14 percent as well. This rate was computed by adding the number of dropouts each year for the class of 1998 and dividing that number by the number of graduates plus the total number of dropouts. The Department can not guarantee the accuracy of this rate because it is calculated with aggregate data rather than student level data. It is only an estimated rate. If districts and/or schools are interested in calculating dropout rates for the class of 1998 for their individual district or school, the Department recommends that student level data be used to calculate the rate. At present, the Department does not have student level data available for this purpose. Progress is being made to collect and analyze data at the student level; however, the ability to provide the data for this rate is still at least four years away.

Table 2. Annual Dropout Rates: 1994-1998

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total Dropout Rate, Grade 9-12	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%
Total Number of Dropouts	8,512	8,396	8,177	8,453	8,582
Grade 9-12 Enrollment	232,046	234,608	240,347	246,757	252,633
Grade					
Grade 9	2.9%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%
Grade 10	4.2%	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%
Grade 11	4.4%	4.5%	3.9%	4.0%	4.2%
Grade 12	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
Gender					
Male	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Female	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%
Race/Ethnic Group					
African-American	6.4%	7.3%	5.9%	5.6%	6.1%
Asian	3.3%	3.0%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%
Hispanic	9.1%	9.3%	7.9%	8.2%	8.2%
Native American	9.3%	5.2%	4.5%	6.0%	5.3%
White	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%
Vocational-Technical Schools*	3.2%	4.0%	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%
City/Town	4.8%	11.1%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%
Regional/County/Independent	2.8%	2.5%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%
* Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools					

The statewide dropout rate masks the wide disparity in individual school rates and the persistent high rates of some schools. Among individual schools the dropout rate ranged from a low of zero percent to a high of 41 percent¹. Thirteen schools reported no dropouts in

¹ Because dropout rates for schools with low enrollments are overly sensitive to small variations in the number of dropouts, the analysis of the distribution of dropout rates excludes schools with a grade 9-12 enrollment of fewer than 75 (25 schools in 1997-98).

1997-98, an increase from 12 schools the previous year, but a decrease from 18 schools in 1994-95. Another 69 schools reported dropout rates of one percent or less in 1997-98. Fourteen schools reported dropout rates greater than 10 percent. These 14 schools comprised 4.5 percent of the state's grade nine through twelve enrollment, but accounted for 20.5 percent of the state's dropouts.

Table 3. Projected Four-Year Dropout Rates: Classes of 1997-2001

	Class of 1997	Class of 1998	Class of 1999	Class of 2000	Class of 2001
Total	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%
Gender					
Male	16%	16%	15%	15%	15%
Female	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Race/Ethnic Group					
African-American	23%	26%	22%	21%	22%
Asian	13%	12%	9%	11%	13%
Hispanic	31%	32%	28%	28%	29%
Native American	33%	19%	17%	23%	21%
White	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%
Vocational-Technical Schools*	12%	15%	13%	13%	12%
City/Town	18%	37%	21%	22%	19%
Regional/County/Independent	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%

* Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools

Table 4. Distribution of Annual Dropout Rates: 1996-1998

Annual Rate (%)	Number and Percent of Schools*					
	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
0	10	3.3	12	3.9	13	4.2
0.1 – 1.0	62	20.5	53	17.2	69	22.2
1.1 – 2.5	95	31.5	101	32.8	89	28.6
2.6 – 5.0	83	27.5	84	27.3	93	29.9
5.1 – 7.5	28	9.3	32	10.4	26	8.3
7.6 – 10.0	12	4.0	11	3.6	7	2.3
10.1 and above	12	4.0	15	4.9	14	4.5
Total Number of Schools	300		302		311	

*Excludes schools with enrollments fewer than 75

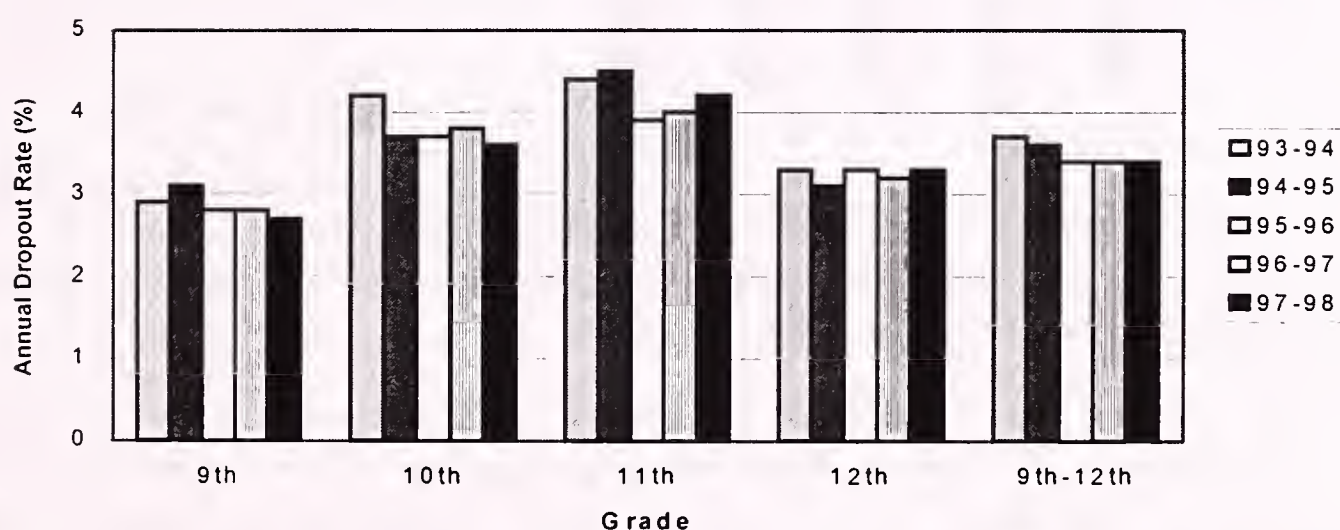
Results for Selected Student Populations

Because the dropout rate varies among specific student populations, examining the rate for specific populations is important in developing and targeting dropout prevention efforts. The data collected allow for an analysis by grade level, gender, race/ethnicity, and certain types of schools.

Grade

- Students in grade eleven dropped out at a higher rate than did students in other grades. The 1997-98 dropout rate for eleventh-graders was 4.2 percent, followed by 3.6 percent for tenth-graders, and 3.3 percent for twelfth-graders. Ninth-graders had the lowest rate at 2.7 percent. This pattern of dropout rates by grade has remained consistent over time.
- Over the last five reporting years, the dropout rates for the combined grades has remained steady. Each grade level has neither consistently decreased nor increased, but instead has fluctuated slightly from year to year.

Figure 1. Dropout Rates by Grade Level, 1994-1998



Gender

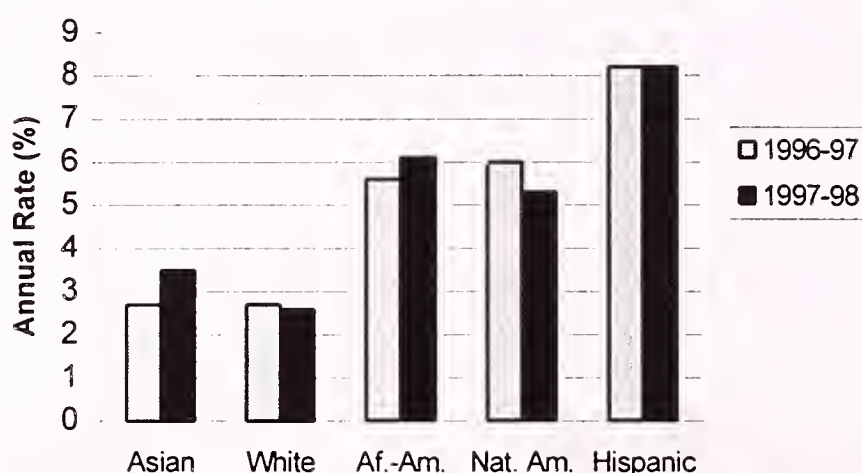
- Consistent with previous years, the 1997-98 dropout rate was higher for males than for females. The annual rate was 3.9 percent for males, a percentage point higher than the rate of 2.9 percent for females.
- The dropout rate for males remained the same in 1997-98 as it was the prior year. The dropout rate of 2.9 percent for females decreased slightly from 3.0 percent the previous year.

- The projected four-year rates, 15 percent for males and 11 percent for females, were unchanged from the prior year.

Race/Ethnicity

- Consistent with previous years, the dropout rates in 1997-98 varied according to race/ethnicity. As in the prior four years, the rate of 8.2 percent for Hispanic students was the highest among the five race/ethnicity categories. The annual rate was 5.3 percent for Native American students and 6.1 percent for African-American students. The rate for white students was 2.6 and for Asian students was 3.5 percent.

Figure 2. Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnic Groups



- Although in the prior year the rate had declined, the annual dropout rate for African-American students increased from 5.6 percent to 6.1 percent from 1996-97 to 1997-98. The rate for white students decreased slightly from 2.7 to 2.6 percent. The rate for Asian students increased from the prior year, from 2.7 to 3.5 percent. The rate remained the same for Hispanic students.

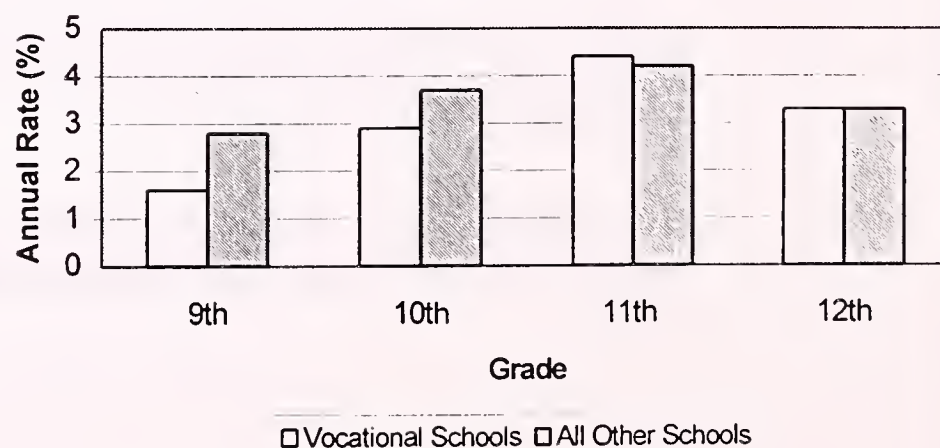
The rate for Native American students decreased from 6.0 to 5.3 percent. The rate for Native American students is susceptible to wide fluctuation due to a low number of Native American students enrolled in schools.

- The projected four-year dropout rate for the Class of 2001 showed similar disparity by race/ethnicity. The rate was highest for Hispanic students at 29 percent, followed by African-American students at 22 percent and Native American students at 21 percent. The rate was 13 percent for Asian students and 10 percent for white students.

Vocational-Technical Schools

- In 1997-98, the dropout rate for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the state's vocational-technical schools was 2.9 percent, lower than the statewide rate. Of the vocational students, 82.5 percent attended regional, county, or independent vocational-technical schools, and the remainder attended vocational-

Figure 3. Dropout Rate for Vocational Schools and All Other Schools by Grade, 1997-98



technical schools that were part of city and town school systems. The annual dropout rate of 5.1 percent for city/town vocational-technical schools was approximately twice the rate of 2.5 percent for regional, county and independent vocational-technical schools.

- The annual dropout rate for all vocational-technical schools decreased from 3.2 to 2.9 percent between 1996-97 and 1997-98. Figure 3 illustrates the dropout rate for vocational schools compared to other schools for the 1997-98 school year. The rate for regional vocational-technical schools also decreased, from 2.6 to 2.5 percent, and the rate for city/town vocational-technical schools decreased from 6.1 to 5.1 percent.
- The projected four-year dropout rate for all vocational-technical schools was 12 percent. The projected four-year rate was 19 percent for city/town vocational-technical schools and 10 percent for regional, county and independent vocational-technical schools.

Charter Schools

- During the 1997-98 school year, a total of 858 students in grades nine through twelve attended charter schools. Of these, 19 students dropped out, resulting in a dropout rate of 2.2 percent. Of the ten charter schools with any of the grades nine through twelve, five had no dropouts, two had a dropout rate between 0.1 and 1.0 percent, one had a dropout rate of 1.5 percent, one had a rate of 5.8 percent, and one had a rate of 8.3 percent.

Returned Dropouts

Of all students who dropped out during the 1997-98 reporting year, 15.8 percent returned to school by October 1, 1998. These students are referred to as returned dropouts. This percentage is lower than it was the prior year, when 17.6 percent of all dropouts returned to school.

Table 5. Returned Dropouts as a Percentage of All Dropouts, 1997-98*

Returned Dropouts	Number of Schools	Percent of Schools
0%	98	31.1%
1-20%	128	40.6%
21-40%	69	21.9%
41-60%	15	4.8%
61-80%	2	.6%
81-99%	0	0%
100%	3	1.0%

* Table includes only those schools who had dropouts

- The percentage of returned dropouts varied by school. Of the 315 schools that had any of the grades nine through twelve and had dropouts during the 1997-98 reporting year, a majority (almost 72%) had less than 20 percent of their dropouts re-enroll in school.
- Approximately 31 percent (98 schools) had none of their dropouts return to school by October 1, 1998. Three schools had all of their dropouts return to school.

The percentage of returned dropouts also varied among specific populations of students. In other words, certain student populations were more likely to return to school than others.

- *Grade* Grade levels varied among those students who had dropped out, but returned to school. In 1997-98, students in grade twelve (16.5 percent) were most likely to return to school, followed by grade ten (16.0 percent), grade nine (15.9 percent) and grade eleven (15.0 percent). The figures for grades ten through twelve all showed a decrease from the previous year, while grade nine showed an increase.
- *Gender* Male and female dropouts were equally likely to return to school in 1997-98. The percentage of returned dropouts for both, 15.6 percent, is a decrease from the previous year, when 17.4 percent of all males who dropped out returned to school, and 17.4 percent of females who dropped out returned to school.
- *Race/Ethnicity* Asian students who dropped out were more likely to return to school than students of other racial/ethnic backgrounds. Of the Asian students who dropped out, 20.4 percent returned to school. White students (16.5 percent) were the second most likely to re-enroll, followed by Hispanic students (15.2 percent) and African-American students (11.0 percent). Native-American students (6.3 percent) were the least likely to re-enroll. For Asian students, the percentage of dropouts who returned to school increased from the previous year. For all other race/ethnicity groups, the percentage of dropouts who returned to school declined from the previous year.
- *Vocational-Technical* Students at vocational-technical schools were less likely to return to school than were students statewide. Of the vocational students who dropped out, 12.8 percent returned to school, a decrease from 14.4 percent the prior year. Students at city or town vocational schools were less likely to return to school than were students at regional, county or independent vocational schools (10.4 vs. 13.7 percent).
- *Charter Schools* Of the 21 students who dropped out of charter schools, 9.5 percent (two students) returned to school by October 1, 1998.

Technical Information

Data Collection

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education definition, a school dropout in Massachusetts is defined as a student who leaves school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school, and does not return to school by October 1 of the following reporting year. Individual public schools reported to the Department of Education the number of students who dropped out over a 12-month period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998. Dropout figures were reported in the *Year-End School Indicator Report for 1997-98*. Schools then reported the number of dropouts who returned to school by October 1, 1998, in a supplement to the *Individual School Report*, commonly referred to as the October Enrollment Report. In both of these reports, dropouts were classified by gender

within five racial/ethnic groups across grades six through twelve. Although the Department collects data on students in grades six through eight, the reported rate represents grades nine through twelve. Data on grades six through eight are available from the Department.

Dropout Rate Formulas

Annual Dropout Rate

In Massachusetts, the annual dropout rate is the number of dropouts from grades nine through twelve over a single one-year reporting period, minus the number of those dropouts who returned to school by the following October 1, divided by the October 1 enrollment for that reporting period. Enrollment data for October 1, 1997, collected in the *Individual School Report*, were used to determine the 1997-98 dropout rate. Because students who drop out between July 1 and October 1 are counted as dropouts but are not included in the enrollment figure against which the number of dropouts is compared, the rates may be slightly inflated to the extent to which students drop out prior to October 1.

$$\text{Annual Dropout Rate} = \frac{(\text{number of dropouts} - \text{returned dropouts})}{\text{October enrollment}} * 100$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Statewide annual dropout rate (1997-98)} &= \\ (10,193 - 1,611) / 252,633 * 100 &= 3.4\% \end{aligned}$$

Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate

The projected four-year dropout rate is determined by calculating the cumulative effect of four years of dropping out according to the following formula.

$$\text{Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate} = [1 - (1 - W)(1 - X)(1 - Y)(1 - Z)] * 100$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \text{Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 9} \\ X &= \text{Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 10} \\ Y &= \text{Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 11} \\ Z &= \text{Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 12} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Statewide Adjusted Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate (class of 2001)} &= \\ [1 - (1 - .027)(1 - .036)(1 - .042)(1 - .033)] * 100 &= 13\% \end{aligned}$$

The methodology assumes that (1) current annual dropout rates for grades ten, eleven and twelve will remain constant over the next three years, and (2) students who drop out will not return to school *after* October 1 of the following year. Grade-specific dropout rates for individual schools and school districts, as well as projected four-year dropout rates for individual schools, are available from the Accountability and Targeted Assistance unit at the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Annual Dropout Rates by School and District

District	School	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1998	
		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)
Abington	Abington High	2.0	2.7	1.5	3.2	4.1	4.1	23
Agawam	Agawam High	3.3	3.7	3.2	2.4	1.9	2.2	24
Amesbury	Amesbury High	2.8	4.1	4.0	2.2	2.3	3.0	15
Andover	Andover High	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	6
Arlington	Arlington High	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	17
Ashland	Ashland High	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	2
Attleboro	Attleboro High	6.4	8.0	6.2	5.1	4.4	5.2	65
	Attleboro Voc Tech High	8.3	7.5	4.1	4.6	5.6	7.5	17
	District Total	6.8	7.9	5.9	5.0	4.6	5.6	82
Auburn	Auburn Sr High	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	5
Avon	Avon Middle/High	1.9	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.4	2
Ayer	Ayer Jr/Sr High	5.1	3.6	4.2	0.3	1.6	1.9	5
Barnstable	Barnstable High	5.5	5.1	6.4	5.3	1.1	1.9	20
Bedford	Bedford High	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.5	0
Belchertown	Belchertown High	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.4	4.0	19

Note: the adjusted dropout rate accounts for dropouts who returned to school by the following October 1; data prior to 1993 did not have this adjustment made and are not comparable to these figures

Annual Dropout Rates by School and District

District	School	1994 Rate (%)	1995 Rate (%)	1996 Rate (%)	1997 Rate (%)	1998 Rate (%)	1998 Unadjusted Rate (%)	1998 Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
Bellingham	Bellingham Memorial Jr/Sr	1.5	0.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.4	4	587
	Bellingham Alt Jr/Sr High	26.9	20.0	0.0	9.1	19.4	19.4	6	31
	District Total	2.7	0.7	1.4	1.7	1.6	2.3	10	618
Belmont	Belmont High	0.5	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	4	935
Beverly	Beverly High	6.3	6.1	6.6	5.5	2.4	2.7	28	1,184
Billerica	Billerica Memorial High	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.7	2.1	24	1,440
Boston	Downtown Evening Acad			28.5	64.0	33.6	33.6	40	119
	William McKinley	24.5	30.2	22.6	24.6	21.5	25.4	44	205
	Brighton High	9.2	10.1	11.1	9.3	8.8	10.0	92	1,047
	Charlestown High	8.6	7.2	9.1	15.8	12.4	12.8	139	1,118
	Dorchester High	14.2	16.0	16.6	16.5	23.4	23.6	242	1,036
	Jeremiah E Burke High	6.8	16.4	12.9	14.4	14.4	14.4	97	675
	East Boston High	10.5	5.7	4.9	5.6	5.0	5.0	62	1,239
	The English High	13.2	11.9	10.0	10.4	11.7	11.9	151	1,290
	Madison Park High	12.0	18.3	12.5	11.8	12.9	12.9	218	1,690
	Fenway Middle College HS			6.0	10.9	5.7	6.1	14	247
	Another Course to College			3.8	7.4	3.7	3.7	4	109
	Multicultural Middle College				1.4	4.4	4.4	6	135
	Egleston Comm High School				45.2	25.4	25.4	17	67
	Boston Latin Academy	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	2	1,010
	Hyde Park High	5.5	7.4	5.0	7.6	14.8	22.2	129	870
Boston	Boston Latin	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	4	1,603
	South Boston High	7.8	7.2	7.3	8.2	11.3	14.8	126	1,113
	West Roxbury Sch	3.1	3.0	1.2	4.7	3.5	3.8	48	1,353
	Boston Tech High	2.1	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.6	1.8	17	1,070
	Boston High	7.2	4.0	4.8	3.6	4.0	4.0	45	1,123
	Snowden Int'L High	4.8	6.2	7.4	7.2	6.3	6.3	29	461

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Boston	Horace Mann	0.0	2.9	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	24
	District Total	7.5	8.1	7.2	8.4	8.7	9.5	1,526	17,604
Bourne	Bourne High	2.0	3.2	2.8	0.9	1.9	1.9	11	588
Braintree	Braintree High	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	3.1	27	1,271
Brockton	Lincoln Altern Sch	50.0	27.5	14.0	30.0	25.7	34.3	9	35
	Brockton High	7.7	8.1	7.3	5.4	3.4	4.5	119	3,501
	District Total	8.3	8.4	7.3	5.7	3.6	4.8	128	3,536
Brookline	Brookline High	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1	1,739
Burlington	Burlington High	1.3	0.3	1.0	1.5	1.6	2.3	15	919
Cambridge	Cambridge Rindge & Latin	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.6	47	1,910
Canton	Canton High	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.9	2.2	2.5	15	693
Carver	Carver High	3.4	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.7	22	554
Chatham	Chatham High	2.5	3.4	2.8	2.7	1.6	2.1	3	187
Chelmsford	Chelmsford High	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.7	21	1,521
Chelsea	Chelsea High	12.4	7.4	6.6	4.0	12.8	16.3	142	1,112
Chicopee	Horizon Academy				0.0	3.6	3.6	1	28

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District	School	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1998		1998 Enrollment
		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)	
Chicopee	Chicopee High	6.3	1.3	16.1	8.4	6.7	7.2	71	1,064
	Chicopee Comprehensive HS	5.1	6.0	9.0	4.9	5.2	6.6	71	1,354
	District Total	5.6	3.9	12.0	6.4	5.8	6.8	143	2,446
Clinton	Clinton Sr High	6.3	3.8	6.4	6.0	4.9	5.1	21	428
Cohasset	Cohasset Jr/Sr High	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	290
Danvers	Danvers High	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.6	2.8	25	952
Dartmouth	Dartmouth High	2.2	0.8	1.1	1.8	2.6	2.8	30	1,134
Dedham	Dedham High	3.0	3.8	1.3	3.8	3.3	3.3	24	719
Douglas	Douglas Memorial High	2.1	1.4	4.9	1.9	0.4	0.8	1	257
Dracut	Dracut Sr High	1.8	1.6	3.7	3.0	0.8	1.1	8	949
Duxbury	Duxbury High	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	4	833
East Bridgewater	East Bridgewater High	1.3	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.1	24	634
Easthampton	Easthampton High	4.5	3.9	4.2	5.3	4.6	5.5	22	477
East Longmeadow	East Longmeadow High	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	4	835
Easton	Easton Jr High	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	238

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Easton	Oliver Ames High	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	1.0	4	710
	District Total	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	4	948
Everett	Everett High	3.7	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.6	5.3	59	1,283
Fairhaven	Fairhaven High	4.7	5.8	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.5	24	537
Fall River Alternative	Fall River Alternative				50.0	0.0	0.0	0	11
Fall River	B M C Durfee High	6.7	6.1	8.1	4.6	4.5	5.8	125	2,780
	District Total	6.7	6.1	8.1	4.6	4.5	5.7	125	2,791
Falmouth	Falmouth High	5.2	4.4	5.2	6.5	3.3	5.0	45	1,347
Fitchburg	Fitchburg High	3.2	2.0	2.9	3.1	4.9	9.4	53	1,090
Foxborough	Foxborough High	3.4	1.5	1.6	2.6	1.0	1.5	7	719
Framingham	Framingham High	3.2	3.6	2.5	3.8	3.8	4.1	68	1,768
Franklin	Franklin High	1.1	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.9	2.0	19	985
Gardner	Gardner High	2.3	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.2	3.1	18	804
Georgetown	Georgetown Jr/Sr High	1.4	1.0	1.0	3.2	1.0	1.6	3	305
Gloucester	Gloucester High	3.7	2.9	2.9	1.9	0.9	1.4	9	1,008
	Gloucester Alt High	12.5	8.3	8.8	14.8	6.9	17.2	2	29
	District Total	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.1	1.8	11	1,037

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District	School	1994-1998				1998	
		1994 Rate (%)	1995 Rate (%)	1996 Rate (%)	1997 Rate (%)	1998 Rate (%)	1998 Dropouts (#)
Grafton	Grafton Memorial Sr	2.7	3.9	1.7	3.8	3.9	17
Granby	Granby Jr/Sr High Sch	1.9	2.6	3.0	1.5	2.1	6
Greenfield	Greenfield Sr High	7.4	5.7	5.1	6.3	8.0	48
Hadley	Hopkins Academy	1.5	0.0	2.1	1.4	0.0	0
Hanover	Hanover High	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	6
Harvard	Bromfield	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1
Harwich	Harwich High	2.6	0.8	2.9	1.5	2.7	11
Hatfield	Smith Academy	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.4	0.7	1
Haverhill	Haverhill High	2.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.8	76
Hingham	Hingham High	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	7
Holbrook	Holbrook Jr/Sr High	2.6	0.4	4.8	2.3	3.0	8
Holliston	Holliston High	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	3
Holyoke	Holyoke High	13.5	9.2	7.6	10.5	6.4	85
	Wm J Dean Voc Tech High	3.7	6.9	1.6	8.6	5.2	36
							1,332
							697

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Annual Dropout Rates by School and District													
District	School	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1998			1998 Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment		
		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Unadjusted Rate (%)						
	District Total	9.5	8.3	5.5	9.8	6.0	7.5		121	2,029			
Hopedale	Hopedale Jr/Sr High	0.4	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.4	0.4		1	284			
Hopkinton	Hopkinton Jr/Sr High	0.6	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.4		2	455			
Hudson	Hudson High	2.2	3.0	3.1	1.5	3.2	3.5		18	567			
Hull	Hull Jr/Sr High	0.8	4.0	1.7	3.8	0.5	1.0		2	392			
Ipswich	Ipswich High	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.3		9	434			
Lawrence	Lawrence High	13.8	8.6	6.4	10.4	17.4	20.3		331	1,900			
Lee	Lee High	0.0	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.5	2.4		5	329			
Leicester	Leicester High	3.1	6.1	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.6		11	464			
Lenox	Lenox Memorial High	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8		1	241			
Leominster	Leominster Sr High	4.2	4.6	3.9	3.4	2.9	4.1		32	1,115			
	Leominster High Trade	5.4	5.1	8.0	5.7	3.7	4.9		15	408			
	District Total	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.0	3.1	4.3		47	1,523			
Lexington	Lexington High	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9		11	1,474			
Littleton	Littleton Jr/Sr High	2.9	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7		2	277			

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Longmeadow	Longmeadow High	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	4	958
Lowell	Lowell High	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.1	8.2	10.8	257	3,137
Ludlow	Ludlow Sr High	1.8	2.4	3.2	2.4	2.0	2.4	18	899
Lunenburg	Lunenburg High	5.0	3.9	4.4	2.4	1.6	1.6	8	487
Lynn	Classical High	7.8	6.3	2.9	2.9	3.5	4.7	41	1,163
	Lynn English High	13.0	8.2	9.8	5.1	5.1	6.1	68	1,328
	O'Keefe Altern High	25.9	40.0	27.1	27.3	36.2	39.7	21	58
	Environmental School					29.2	29.2	14	48
	Lynn Voc Tech Inst	4.6	5.5	6.6	3.1	5.9	5.9	57	966
	District Total	9.3	7.2	7.2	4.3	5.6	6.5	201	3,563
Lynnfield	Lynnfield High	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.2	9	504
Malden	Malden High	6.5	7.3	6.1	3.2	4.9	6.1	69	1,414
Manchester	Manchester Jr/Sr High	0.5	1.4	0.9	1.5	2.0	2.0	6	294
Mansfield	Mansfield High	2.0	2.9	0.4	3.7	3.5	4.9	28	804
Marblehead	Marblehead High	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.1	7	697
Marlborough	Marlborough High	4.4	2.9	2.4	4.3	2.5	3.3	21	827

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Marshfield	Marshfield High	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.6	2.8	3.3	33	1,162
Mashpee	Mashpee High				1.0	3.5	3.5	8	226
Maynard	Maynard High	3.5	1.7	1.9	2.6	3.8	4.5	10	265
Medfield	Medfield Sr High	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.7	4	534
Medford	Medford High	1.6	2.8	1.1	2.0	2.0	2.4	21	1,037
	Curtis-Tufts	10.8	10.3	23.7	17.2	12.1	15.2	4	33
	Medford Voc Tech High	1.5	1.2	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	8	261
	District Total	1.8	2.7	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.9	33	1,331
Medway	Medway High	1.3	1.0	1.8	2.2	1.9	2.1	10	526
Melrose	Melrose High	0.9	0.7	1.4	1.2	0.8	1.0	8	993
Methuen	Methuen High	4.0	1.1	3.0	4.1	1.6	2.8	26	1,597
Middleborough	Middleborough High	3.6	2.5	1.8	2.6	4.7	6.0	39	830
Milford	Milford High	3.7	3.2	2.0	2.8	3.8	4.4	40	1,058
Millbury	Millbury Memorial High	2.3	2.3	2.1	7.1	0.5	0.5	2	438
Millis	Millis High	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.7	1.9	2.3	5	264

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							Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
Milton	Milton High	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.4	6	851
Monson	Monson Jr/Sr High	0.0	1.5	2.5	2.4	3.6	4.4	13	365
Nantucket	Nantucket High	1.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	1.2	1.2	4	326
Natick	Natick High	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.7	2.2	2.5	21	955
Needham	Needham High	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.0	10	1,164
New Bedford	New Bedford High	8.8	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.8	293	3,376
	New Bedford Alt Jr/Sr High	30.2	35.7	39.3	37.8	54.8	57.1	23	42
	District Total	9.1	9.5	9.2	9.0	9.2	10.4	316	3,418
Newburyport	Newburyport High	3.7	4.6	3.7	3.5	4.3	4.3	29	667
Newton	Newton North High	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.5	19	1,849
	Newton South High	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	9	1,181
	District Total	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.2	28	3,030
North Adams	Drury High	3.6	2.7	2.5	3.4	3.6	5.1	22	610
Northampton	Northampton High	5.4	1.5	2.7	5.0	3.6	4.0	28	784
North Andover	North Andover High	1.2	1.1	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.4	20	879
North Attleborough	North Attleboro High	2.6	4.3	2.3	4.7	3.0	3.8	31	1,020

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		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)	
Northbridge	Northbridge Jr-Sr High	1.7	1.2	2.7	2.2	1.5	2.3	7	474
North Brookfield	North Brookfield High	4.3	6.1	5.3	7.3	2.8	4.5	5	178
North Reading	North Reading High	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.8	1.8	10	546
Norton	Norton High	4.4	2.5	2.3	3.9	6.5	7.5	38	587
Norwell	Norwell High	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0	484
Norwood	Norwood High	2.9	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.6	2.2	15	916
Oxford	Oxford High	1.2	1.4	0.4	3.0	1.0	1.2	5	504
Palmer	Palmer High	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.5	2.5	2.7	13	520
Peabody	Veterans Memorial High	4.5	3.8	3.9	5.3	3.3	3.9	53	1,619
	Peabody Altem High	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.8	11.1	11.1	3	27
	District Total	4.4	3.8	3.8	5.7	3.4	4.0	56	1,646
Pittsfield	Pittsfield High	4.4	4.3	5.6	4.6	2.5	3.0	22	871
	Taconic High	5.4	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.5	4.5	32	708
	Hibbard Alternative	33.3	21.5	38.8	38.8	36.1	39.3	22	61
	Pittsfield Vocational	8.1	7.4	12.3	9.9	7.1	7.1	26	364
	District Total	6.5	5.2	7.0	6.0	5.1	5.4	102	2,004
Plymouth	Plymouth North High	0.4	2.4	2.0	3.4	4.1	4.9	42	1,026
	Plymouth South High	2.8	1.3	3.7	7.2	5.1	6.2	41	811

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District	School	1998					Unadjusted Rate (%)	1998 Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998			
Plymouth	Plymouth South Technical District Total	2.5	0.9	2.8	6.1	4.1	4.5	21	516
		1.7	1.7	2.8	5.3	4.4	5.2	104	2,353
Provincetown	Provincetown High	3.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	1	122
Quincy	Quincy High North Quincy High District Total	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.6	1.2	2.0	15	1,203
		1.8	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.5	22	1,301
		1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.2	37	2,504
Randolph	Randolph Jr/Sr High	4.6	4.0	6.3	2.2	2.7	3.5	27	996
Reading	Reading Memorial High	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.2	11	1,045
Revere	Revere High	4.5	3.7	3.6	2.5	4.6	5.3	58	1,274
Rockland	Rockland Sr High	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.5	2.6	2.7	17	660
Rockport	Rockport Middle/High	2.9	2.2	3.5	2.5	5.5	5.9	14	253
Salem	Salem High	4.7	5.3	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.4	67	1,114
Sandwich	Sandwich High	2.1	1.0	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.4	20	943
Saugus	Saugus High	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	4.3	4.7	39	902
Scituate	Scituate High	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.3	1.0	1.2	7	671
Seekonk	Seekonk High	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.7	1.7	1.7	10	598

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Sharon	Sharon High	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.5	3	875
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Sr High	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.1	2.1	19	924
Somerset	Somerset High	3.0	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.6	15	1,013
Somerville	Somerville High	6.2	7.1	5.2	4.4	4.1	5.6	76	1,834
	Full Circle High	51.8	29.8	27.1	41.4	26.2	29.5	16	61
	District Total	7.5	7.8	5.9	5.5	4.9	6.4	92	1,895
Southbridge	Southbridge High	10.5	6.0	9.9	7.6	7.9	11.8	42	533
South Hadley	South Hadley High	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	9	608
Springfield	Springfield Central High	4.2	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	8	1,970
	High School of Commerce	13.6	18.5	3.6	2.4	8.0	9.7	58	725
	Bridge Academy Jr & Sr		36.9	6.2	46.4	41.0	43.2	57	139
	S.A.G.E.					40.0	40.0	4	10
	Springfield HS/Science Tech				1.9	2.8	3.2	47	1,675
	Springfield Altern HS				20.8	24.6	26.1	33	134
	Martin Luther King Acad				50.0	41.2	41.2	7	17
	Mass Career Development	1.9	0.0	51.9	32.9	14.4	16.7	13	90
	Putnam Voc Tech High	5.0	21.3	4.0	6.6	5.2	5.6	80	1,539
	Shriners Hospital					0.0	0.0	0	1
	District Total	6.7	11.5	2.6	5.0	4.9	5.4	307	6,300
Stoneham	Stoneham High	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.4	9	775
Stoughton	Stoughton High	3.1	3.1	1.3	1.2	2.5	3.1	27	1,074

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							Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
Sutton	Sutton High	1.1	1.7	0.6	4.0	3.3	4.3	11	329
Swampscott	Swampscott High	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.8	6	718
Swansea	Joseph Case High	0.0	2.0	2.7	3.1	2.1	3.4	14	671
Taunton	Taunton High	3.6	2.2	3.2	2.3	3.6	4.2	62	1,713
Tewksbury	Tewksbury Memorial High	2.3	1.9	1.5	3.0	3.8	4.3	31	815
Tyngsborough	Tyngsborough Jr/Sr High	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.7	1.3	3	460
Uxbridge	Uxbridge High	4.5	1.4	1.3	2.6	2.1	2.1	10	472
Wakefield	Wakefield Memorial High	2.3	1.2	3.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	5	975
Walpole	Walpole High	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.5	1.5	1.5	13	868
Waltham	Waltham Sr High	3.0	2.4	2.8	1.8	3.3	4.6	50	1,515
Ware	Ware High	4.6	6.6	4.5	5.7	3.9	3.9	12	306
Wareham	Wareham Sr High	2.4	2.5	3.2	6.0	2.0	2.6	16	795

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Annual Dropout Rates by School and District

District	School	1994 Rate (%)	1995 Rate (%)	1996 Rate (%)	1997 Rate (%)	1998 Rate (%)	1998 Unadjusted Rate (%)	1998 Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
Watertown	Watertown High	2.8	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.4	14	673
Wayland	Wayland High	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	1	682
Webster	Bartlett Jr/Sr High	4.3	4.2	2.9	3.2	7.4	8.1	34	458
Wellesley	Wellesley Sr High	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.7	6	853
Westborough	Westborough High	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.0	6	775
West Boylston	West Boylston Jr/Sr High	0.0	2.0	0.4	1.5	1.4	2.8	4	288
West Bridgewater	West Bridgewater Jr/Sr	3.6	3.8	2.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0	262
Westfield	Westfield High	4.1	4.0	4.5	2.8	3.5	4.3	49	1,412
	Westfield Voc High	2.2	11.2	8.1	3.2	4.3	4.7	23	535
	District Total	3.8	5.7	5.4	2.9	3.7	4.4	72	1,947
Westford	Westford Academy	1.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.4	1.5	13	941
Weston	Weston High	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	460
Westport	Westport High	3.3	1.5	2.9	4.5	3.7	3.9	18	484
West Springfield	West Springfield High	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.7	5.1	7.1	61	1,201
Westwood	Westwood High	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	1	534

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Annual Dropout Rates by School and District														
District	School	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		1998 Unadjusted Rate (%)	1998 Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)					
Weymouth	Weymouth Jr High		0.2	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.7				0.7	3	421	
	Weymouth High/Voc Tech		3.7	2.8	3.7	4.9	4.8				5.8	65	1,354	
	District Total		2.8	2.4	2.9	4.1	3.8				4.6	68	1,775	
Wilmington	Wilmington High		0.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.3				0.4	2	713	
Winchendon	Murdock High		6.2	6.0	2.3	3.2	3.1				3.4	12	387	
Winchester	Winchester High		0.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.3	0	793	
Winthrop	Winthrop Sr High		3.3	1.6	1.0	3.8	5.5				6.0	32	584	
Woburn	Woburn High		1.1	2.4	1.0	1.3	3.0				4.2	35	1,154	
Worcester	Accelerated Learning Lab			0.0	0.0	3.3	1.9				1.9	2	104	
	Burncoat Senior High		7.7	9.2	9.0	9.9	7.3				10.4	78	1,063	
	Doherty Memorial High		6.8	5.5	2.4	5.3	4.2				4.9	59	1,400	
	North High		8.4	12.4	12.7	9.8	7.3				9.7	64	872	
	South High Community		11.0	6.4	7.8	3.5	5.9				7.2	72	1,215	
	District Total		8.5	7.9	7.4	6.8	5.9				7.6	275	4,654	
Northampton-Smith	Smith Voc & Agr High		2.6	3.0	3.0	1.2	3.0				3.0	16	540	
Worcester Trade Complex	Worcester Voc High		4.7	0.0	6.6	0.6	4.6				4.9	45	974	
City on a Hill CS	City on a Hill CS				0.0	0.0	0.7				0.7	1	146	
Sabis International CS	Sabis International CS						0.0				0.0	0	57	

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Lowell Middlesex Acad CS	Lowell Middlesex Acad CS			39.0	23.0	5.8	5.8	6	103
Martha's Vineyard	Martha's Vineyard				0.0	0.0	0.0	0	16
Mass Acad Math & Science	Mass Acad Math & Science			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	68
Northstar CS	Northstar CS				16.7	8.3	10.2	9	108
Francis W. Parker CS	Francis W. Parker CS				0.0	0.0	0.0	0	114
Pioneer Valley CS	Pioneer Valley CS				0.0	1.5	1.5	2	133
Somerville CS	Somerville CS					0.0	0.0	0	16
South Shore CS	South Shore CS			0.0	3.9	1.0	1.0	1	97
Acton-Boxborough	Acton-Boxborough Reg High		0.6	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	17	1,308
Adams-Cheshire	Hoosac Valley High		3.9	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.1	22	542
Amherst-Pelham	Amherst Reg High		5.2	3.5	4.5	2.4	2.8	30	1,235
Ashburnham-Westminster	Oakmont Reg High		1.8	2.1	1.2	0.8	1.7	5	629

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		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)			
Athol-Royalston	Athol High	6.6	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.5	5.5	30	541
Berkshire Hills	Monument Mt Reg High	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.0	0.8	2.6	5	651
Berlin-Boylston	Tahanto Reg High	1.5	1.4	1.3	3.7	1.3	1.3	3	234
Blackstone-Millville	Blackstone Millville Reg	4.2	4.2	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	19	487
Bridgewater-Raynham	Bridgewater-Raynham Reg	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.2	18	1,453
Central Berkshire	Wahconah Reg High	2.7	1.4	1.1	3.2	3.6	3.9	27	744
Concord-Carlisle	Concord-Carlisle High	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	4	912
Dennis-Yarmouth	Dennis-Yarmouth Reg High	4.2	4.1	5.6	4.7	5.9	6.7	70	1,178
Dighton-Rehoboth	Dighton-Rehoboth Reg High	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.1	15	862
Dover-Sherborn	Dover-Sherborn Reg High	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	439
Dudley-Charlton Reg	Shepherd Hill Reg High	6.2	5.4	4.4	3.7	2.9	3.5	24	827
Nauset	Nauset Reg High	2.1	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.8	16	941
Freetown-Lakeville	Apponequet Reg High	2.6	3.2	3.0	5.5	3.8	4.2	29	766

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Frontier	Frontier Reg	1.9	1.4	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.2	5	410
Gateway	Gateway Reg High	3.6	1.3	2.4	3.3	4.6	4.6	20	434
Groton-Dunstable	Groton-Dunstable Reg	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.2	1.5	2.0	7	452
Gill-Montague	Turners Fall High	3.8	3.7	5.2	5.3	3.3	4.2	14	424
Hamilton-Wenham	Hamilton-Wenham Reg High	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	5	691
Hampden-Wilbraham	Minnechaug Reg High	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	11	1,054
Hampshire	Hampshire Reg High	2.8	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.0	1.0	5	526
King Philip	King Philip Reg High	0.8	1.1	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.0	17	839
Lincoln-Sudbury	Lincoln-Sudbury Reg High	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	2	1,064
Marthas Vineyard	Marthas Vineyard Reg High	2.4	2.9	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.8	19	673
Masconomet	Masconomet Reg Jr/Sr High	1.3	1.7	1.1	2.2	1.6	1.7	16	974
Mendon-Upton	Nipmuc Reg High	0.0	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.0	1.6	0	384

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							Unadjusted Rate (%)	Dropouts (#)	1998 Enrollment
Mount Greylock	Mt Greylock Reg High	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.8	0.8	0.8	4	532
Mohawk Trail	Mohawk Trail Reg High	2.1	1.7	4.6	5.3	3.0	4.0	15	503
Narragansett	Narragansett Reg High	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.5	1.8	2.0	7	393
Nashoba	Nashoba Reg High	2.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	0.6	1.0	5	784
Northboro-Southboro	Algonquin Reg High	1.3	0.7	1.5	1.7	0.5	0.5	4	858
North Middlesex	North Middlesex Reg High	1.6	4.0	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.8	27	1,143
Old Rochester	Old Rochester Reg High	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.3	5	624
Pentucket	Pentucket Reg Sr High	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	4	758
Pioneer Valley	Pioneer Valley Reg	4.5	2.7	2.1	1.3	2.7	3.9	9	333
Quabbin	Quabbin Reg Jr/Sr	2.9	2.3	3.9	3.2	3.8	4.4	26	688
Ralph C Mahar	Ralph C Mahar Reg	3.7	5.2	4.8	6.6	5.9	7.6	27	459
Silver Lake	Silver Lake Reg High	2.7	3.1	0.8	2.1	1.2	1.6	20	1,676
Southern Berkshire	Mt Everett Reg	1.9	3.8	2.2	1.4	3.6	3.6	10	276

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Southwick-Tolland	Southwick High	2.8	3.5	2.3	1.4	3.3	4.7	19	576
Spencer E Brookfield	David Prouty High	3.7	4.3	5.2	3.5	2.7	4.4	15	566
Tantasqua	Tantasqua Reg Jr High	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	222
	Tantasqua Reg Sr High	3.7	4.0	2.1	3.9	2.2	2.7	13	591
	Tantasqua Reg Voc	8.1	0.6	3.2	3.8	2.3	2.9	4	175
	District Total	4.1	2.8	2.0	3.0	1.7	2.1	17	988
Triton	Triton Reg High	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2	16	756
Wachusett	Wachusett Reg High	1.1	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.0	1.5	16	1,531
Quaboag Regional	Quaboag Reg High	3.2	2.7	3.7	2.6	3.3	3.8	13	397
Whitman-Hanson	Whitman Hanson Reg	1.5	2.6	2.2	1.3	1.4	2.5	15	1,054
Assabet Valley	Assabet Valley Voc High	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.9	33	812
Blackstone Valley Reg	Blackstone Valley	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	2.5	2.8	22	880
Blue Hills Voc	Blue Hills Reg Voc Tech	1.8	0.0	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.8	14	799
	Randolph Career Dev					0.0	0.0	0	246
	District Total	1.8	0.0	1.4	2.5	1.3	1.3	14	1,045
Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech	Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech	1.2	1.9	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.6	12	768

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		Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)			
Cape Cod Reg Voc Tech	Cape Cod Reg Voc Tech	4.8	1.9	2.8	4.4	2.3	3.0	14	608
Franklin County	Franklin County Tech	8.3	1.8	4.3	6.4	2.8	3.6	13	467
Greater Fall River	Diman Reg Voc Tech High	2.7	1.2	1.9	0.3	1.3	1.4	15	1,152
Greater Lawrence	Gr Lawrence Reg Voc Tech	3.9	3.5	4.6	2.0	1.8	3.4	24	1,351
Greater New Bedford	Gr New Bedford Voc Tech	1.6	2.9	4.5	8.3	2.8	3.4	50	1,759
Greater Lowell Voc Tec	Gr Lowell Reg Voc Tech	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.3	52	1,931
S Middlesex Voc Tech Reg	Joseph P Keefe Tech High	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	8	716
Minute Man Voc Tech	Minute Man Voc Tech High	1.0	2.6	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.7	14	818
Montachusett Voc Tech	Montachusett Voc Tech	6.3	4.0	6.2	4.7	3.1	3.4	32	1,035
Northern Berkshire Voc	Charles McCann Voc Tech	0.2	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.1	4	447
Nashoba Valley Tech	Nashoba Valley Tech High	3.7	4.1	0.6	1.7	1.1	1.5	6	551
Northeast Metro Voc	Northeast Metro Reg Voc	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.8	2.4	2.4	27	1,111
North Shore Reg Voc	North Shore Reg Voc	3.8	2.9	2.7	4.0	2.6	2.6	12	453

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Old Colony Voc Tech	Old Colony Reg Voc Tech	1.4	2.3	2.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	5	503
Pathfinder Voc Tech	Pathfinder Voc Tech	0.9	1.8	3.3	3.1	2.6	3.3	16	604
Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech	Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	4.6	31	1,142
Southeastern Reg Voc Tech	Southeastern Reg Voc Tech	3.7	4.6	4.5	0.8	4.7	5.0	53	1,134
South Shore Reg Voc Tech	So Shore Voc Tech High	5.0	3.0	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.6	9	550
S Worcester County Voc	Bay Path Reg Voc Tech HS	4.3	1.2	2.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	41	1,017
Tri County	Tri County Reg Voc Tech	2.4	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	12	842
Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech	Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech	1.3	2.7	3.0	1.3	5.4	5.4	28	516
Whittier Voc	Whittier Reg Voc	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.5	32	1,307
Bristol County Agr	Bristol County Agr High	1.5	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	2	377
Essex Agr Tech	Essex Agr & Tech Inst	1.5	3.2	3.1	2.5	1.8	2.6	6	340
Norfolk County Agr	Norfolk County Agr	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.8	1.8	8	451

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Projected Four-Year Dropout Rates by District

District	Class of 1997 Rate (%)	Class of 1998 Rate (%)	Class of 1999 Rate (%)	Class of 2000 Rate (%)	Class of 2001 Rate (%)
Abington	8	11	6	12	16
Agawam	12	15	13	9	7
Amesbury	11	16	16	8	8
Andover	3	6	5	2	2
Arlington	8	6	5	7	6
Ashland	0	0	1	0	2
Attleboro	25	29	22	19	17
Auburn	5	6	0	2	3
Avon	8	0	5	5	4
Ayer	21	16	18	2	5
Barnstable	20	19	23	20	5
Bedford	5	5	3	1	0
Belchertown	9	10	10	9	13
Bellingham	10	3	6	7	6
Belmont	2	3	6	3	2
Beverly	23	22	24	20	9
Billerica	6	6	6	5	7
Boston	27	29	26	30	31
Bourne	8	12	11	4	7
Braintree	7	5	6	6	8
Brockton	28	30	25	20	13
Brookline	2	1	0	0	0
Burlington	5	1	4	6	6
Cambridge	13	15	13	8	9
Canton	7	3	0	4	9
Carver	13	17	16	14	15
Chatham	10	12	10	12	7
Chelmsford	3	5	2	3	5
Chelsea	40	27	25	14	43
Chicopee	20	14	40	23	21
Clinton	23	13	25	22	19
Cohasset	0	3	0	0	0
Danvers	9	7	11	6	10
Dartmouth	9	3	4	7	10
Dedham	12	15	5	15	13
Douglas	9	7	17	7	1
Dracut	7	7	15	11	3
Duxbury	3	3	1	1	2
East Bridgewater	5	11	12	12	14
Easthampton	18	15	16	20	17
East Longmeadow	5	2	2	1	2
Easton	3	4	3	3	2
Everett	14	13	15	15	17
Fairhaven	17	22	22	19	17
Fall River	23	21	27	16	16
Falmouth	21	17	20	24	12

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Fitchburg	13	8	11	12	18
Foxborough	13	6	7	11	4
Framingham	12	14	9	14	15
Franklin	4	8	9	5	7
Gardner	9	10	12	9	9
Georgetown	5	4	4	13	4
Gloucester	15	10	12	9	4
Grafton	10	15	7	15	14
Granby	8	9	11	6	7
Greenfield	27	22	19	22	28
Hadley	5	0	9	5	0
Hanover	2	3	3	3	4
Harvard	1	0	0	0	1
Harwich	11	3	12	6	11
Hatfield	0	0	9	5	3
Haverhill	11	14	14	15	17
Hingham	1	0	3	1	3
Holbrook	10	1	18	9	12
Holliston	1	4	1	1	1
Holyoke	32	29	19	33	22
Hopedale	2	8	5	0	2
Hopkinton	2	6	4	5	2
Hudson	9	11	12	6	13
Hull	3	15	7	15	2
Ipswich	10	10	9	11	8
Lawrence	44	30	23	33	50
Lee	0	7	9	4	6
Leicester	12	22	9	10	9
Lenox	2	0	3	3	2
Leominster	17	18	19	15	12
Lexington	1	7	3	2	3
Littleton	11	0	1	3	3
Longmeadow	0	0	2	0	2
Lowell	12	10	9	11	28
Ludlow	7	10	13	10	8
Lunenburg	19	15	17	10	6
Lynn	32	26	25	16	21
Lynnfield	4	4	4	6	7
Malden	24	25	24	13	19
Manchester	2	5	4	8	8
Mansfield	8	11	1	14	13
Marblehead	2	1	3	1	4
Marlborough	16	11	9	16	9
Marshfield	7	6	5	6	12
Mashpee				1	7
Maynard	14	7	10	10	13

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Medfield	1	2	2	0	3
Medford	7	10	8	10	10
Medway	5	4	7	9	7
Melrose	4	3	5	5	3
Methuen	15	5	11	15	6
Middleborough	14	10	7	10	18
Milford	15	12	8	11	15
Millbury	9	8	8	26	2
Millis	5	0	1	3	8
Milton	4	4	4	4	3
Monson	0	6	10	10	13
Nantucket	8	7	4	7	5
Natick	4	6	4	3	8
Needham	1	0	2	2	3
New Bedford	31	33	32	31	33
Newburyport	14	17	14	13	17
Newton	5	4	3	4	4
North Adams	14	11	11	14	13
Northampton	20	5	10	18	13
North Andover	5	4	12	7	9
North Attleborough	10	17	9	17	12
Northbridge	7	5	11	9	5
North Brookfield	15	24	21	26	11
North Reading	2	4	5	2	8
Norton	16	9	10	14	24
Norwell	2	0	2	1	0
Norwood	11	7	7	9	6
Oxford	5	5	2	12	4
Palmer	6	7	5	5	10
Peabody	16	14	14	20	13
Pittsfield	25	21	26	22	19
Plymouth	7	7	11	20	17
Provincetown	12	3	0	0	3
Quincy	6	4	4	6	6
Randolph	17	15	23	8	11
Reading	7	4	5	6	4
Revere	16	15	14	9	18
Rockland	11	12	12	14	10
Rockport	11	9	14	9	20
Salem	18	20	22	23	22
Sandwich	8	4	6	8	9
Saugus	12	11	11	11	17
Scituate	3	3	5	1	4
Seekonk	6	5	5	11	7
Sharon	4	3	2	4	2
Shrewsbury	14	8	8	10	8

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Somerset	12	8	6	7	6
Somerville	28	29	22	20	20
Southbridge	34	22	34	26	40
South Hadley	1	4	2	5	6
Springfield	25	37	11	18	17
Stoneham	3	2	3	2	5
Stoughton	12	12	5	5	11
Sutton	5	7	2	16	13
Swampscott	9	8	6	5	3
Swansea	0	8	10	12	8
Taunton	14	9	12	9	13
Tewksbury	9	7	6	12	15
Tyngsborough	4	3	1	0	3
Uxbridge	19	6	5	10	8
Wakefield	9	5	13	2	2
Walpole	1	5	5	2	6
Waltham	14	13	19	12	12
Ware	17	24	16	25	16
Wareham	9	10	12	23	7
Watertown	11	9	7	8	8
Wayland	1	1	1	2	1
Webster	16	16	12	12	27
Wellesley	2	2	3	1	3
Westborough	5	8	4	6	3
West Boylston	0	7	2	6	6
West Bridgewater	15	14	8	13	0
Westfield	16	21	20	11	14
Westford	6	3	2	3	5
Weston	1	1	1	0	0
Westport	13	6	12	16	16
West Springfield	14	14	12	15	19
Westwood	1	2	4	2	1
Weymouth	11	9	11	15	14
Wilmington	4	7	8	9	1
Winchendon	20	21	11	14	13
Winchester	2	1	0	1	0
Winthrop	13	7	4	15	20
Woburn	4	9	4	5	12
Worcester	30	28	27	25	22
Northampton-Smith	10	12	12	6	12
Worcester Trade Complex	18	0	26	3	20
City on a Hill CS			0	0	2
Sabis International CS					0
Lowell Middlesex Acad CS			58	65	21
Martha's Vineyard CS				0	0
Mass Acad Math & Science			0	0	0

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Northstar CS				42	13
Francis W Parker CS				0	0
Pioneer Valley CS				0	3
Somerville CS					0
South Shore CS			0	24	5
Acton-Boxborough	3	2	5	5	5
Adams-Cheshire	20	16	20	18	16
Amherst-Pelham	13	15	10	13	9
Ashburnham-Westminster	11	7	8	5	3
Athol-Royalston	25	22	18	21	22
Berkshire Hills	6	6	6	8	3
Berlin-Boylston	7	5	5	14	5
Blackstone-Millville	16	16	16	18	14
Bridgewater-Raynham	6	6	5	8	5
Central Berkshire	11	6	5	12	14
Concord-Carlisle	1	2	1	1	2
Dennis-Yarmouth	16	16	20	18	22
Dighton-Rehoboth	6	7	8	6	7
Dover-Sherborn	2	3	0	0	0
Dudley-Charlton Reg	23	20	17	16	11
Nauset	9	5	8	6	7
Freetown-Lakeville	10	13	12	22	15
Frontier	7	5	1	3	5
Gateway	13	5	10	12	17
Groton-Dunstable	12	7	12	5	6
Gill-Montague	16	15	19	20	13
Hamilton-Wenham	3	4	3	3	3
Hampden-Wilbraham	7	7	6	5	5
Hampshire	11	9	6	9	4
King Philip	3	4	8	6	8
Lincoln-Sudbury	2	2	2	1	1
Marthas Vineyard	9	11	9	7	11
Masconomet	6	7	5	9	7
Mendon-Upton	0	4	2	5	0
Mount Greylock	6	6	10	12	3
Mohawk Trail	9	6	17	20	11
Narragansett	14	15	16	13	8
Nashoba	12	7	6	6	3
Northboro-Southboro	5	3	6	7	2
North Middlesex	6	15	13	8	9
Old Rochester	5	1	1	3	3
Pentucket	4	5	5	5	2
Pioneer Valley	16	11	9	4	12
Quabbin	12	9	15	12	14
Ralph C Mahar	15	19	17	24	22
Silver Lake	9	9	3	9	5

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Southern Berkshire	6	14	8	6	15
Southwick-Tolland	11	14	9	6	12
Spencer E Brookfield	14	17	19	13	11
Tantasqua	15	11	8	11	7
Triton	6	9	9	8	9
Wachusett	4	4	4	8	4
Quaboag Regional	12	11	15	11	14
Whitman-Hanson	6	10	9	5	6
Assabet Valley	16	16	16	14	15
Blackstone Valley Reg	4	1	0	1	10
Blue Hills Voc	7	0	6	10	6
Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech	5	7	7	10	6
Cape Cod Reg Voc Tech	18	8	12	19	10
Franklin County	31	7	16	25	11
Greater Fall River	11	5	7	1	5
Greater Lawrence	15	13	13	8	7
Greater New Bedford	7	12	16	29	11
Greater Lowell Voc Tec	11	11	11	11	10
S Middlesex Voc Tech Reg	0	6	7	4	5
Minute Man Voc Tech	4	11	3	6	7
Montachusett Voc Tech	24	16	24	18	13
Northern Berkshire Voc	2	6	3	2	4
Nashoba Valley Tech	14	16	2	8	4
Northeast Metro Voc	5	8	3	11	10
North Shore Reg Voc	14	12	11	14	11
Old Colony Voc Tech	6	10	8	3	4
Pathfinder Voc Tech	4	7	14	13	10
Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech	11	9	9	10	10
Southeastern Reg Voc Tech	15	18	18	3	18
South Shore Reg Voc Tech	20	12	8	9	7
S Worcester County Voc	16	5	8	16	16
Tri County	10	11	12	5	6
Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech	6	11	12	5	22
Whittier Voc	5	8	8	8	10
Bristol County Agr	6	5	1	1	2
Essex Agr Tech	7	12	12	11	7
Norfolk County Agr	6	0	0	5	7

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